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# Editorial

### CLEAN—UP WEEK?

March brings the tonic of approaching SPRING. And in Appomattox, spring recalls the successful CLEAN—UP WEEK held here a year ago. A clean-up Week is too important a promotion to let go by the board. We sincerely trust that plans will shortly be announced for the 1941 observation.

### STATE REFORM

We have read with interest the address of Governor Price in Norfolk last week, in which he chided the last session of the General Assembly for not adopting his "reorganization" plan.

We believe that reorganization in the interest of efficiency and economy should be on the agenda of each session of the Assembly. Perfection in government is an ideal never reached. New ways of doing things already being done, and ways to do the new things constantly being demanded of government, mean that no legislative body can afford to coast. Yet, the need for reform does not call for passing every reorganization scheme presented. The Assembly should chart its course with due deliberation. And, thereby lies our criticism of the reorganization proposals presented by the Governor to the legislators in the middle of the last session. The bill called for many consolidations, and for revamping of many agencies. Now, Virginia has no keener student of state government than our distinguished Governor. He would not have sponsored the reform unless convinced that it had great merit. But, we likewise believe that the Assembly was acting wisely in refusing to rush into a reorganization program without proper study.

Virginia needs more focusing of public attention on herring on matters coming before the Assembly, anyway. We have too many lobbyists and too few disinterested experts advising the law-makers. The Governor will render its State a service by planning a series of hearings that fall on matters to come before the next Assembly. Let's not wait until the Assembly meets to figure out a reorganization program, a solution to the problems of financing our schools, etc., and let's stop waiting until the very last of the session to bring out the appropriation bill! Government becomes more complicated as the years pass. Don't blame the poor legislator if he finds himself running around in circles during the exciting sixty days in which each Assembly acts on hundreds of important matters.

We refuse to believe that the Governor's suggestions were not acted upon because of prejudice on the part of the "organization" majority, or necessarily because they lacked merit. We rather chose to believe that they failed of adoption because they were "sprung" on the Assembly too late for the careful analysis all such proposals should have.

E. Blackburn Moore is chairman of a committee now studying these proposals. We have every confidence that the next Assembly will have the necessary data upon which to act properly upon the matter.

### BENGASI

In "Night Over Europe," the final volume of his monumental trilogy on European history since 1938, Frederick L. Schuman paints in interesting character sketch. It is of an obscure Socialist agitator who stood in the public square of an Italian town one day in 1911 and cried:

"Down with war! Down with imperialism! Down with bloody adventures in Africa!"

The man was Benito Mussilini.

It has taken him 30 years to get his wish. —From Asheville Citizen.

### GERMANY'S VICTORY IN BULGARIA— WHAT MEANING HAS IT?

Once again Germany has had its way in Bulgaria. That state has "joined" the Axis. There is no surprise in its decision, which, in effect, was no decision at all. The only notable aspect, indeed, of this specious diplomatic triumph for Hitler is the length of time he required to achieve it. First steps were taken last November when King Boris visited Berlin. Hitler needed four months to gain his little ally. What will be the consequences of this new break in the Balkans? Admittedly it gives Germany a further secure grip on Southeastern Europe and the western shores of the Black Sea. It points to immediate exercise of final pressure upon Greece to make terms with Lady. Doubtless, Hitler is ready to invade Greece if it rejects his warning.

But does this radically alter the strategy of the war? Does it herald a major German offensive in the eastern Mediterranean?

It is clear that full-scale operations in the Balkans would be justified militarily only if they pinned objectives lying beyond the peninsula itself. Britain may or may not be vulnerable in the Near East. She certainly is not; to be defeated in the Balkans.

But even if Hitler conquers Greece he will be bound by Turkey and the seas. True, his bombers would be brought much nearer the Suez route. Britain, however, would be sure to take, or hold, he Greek islands and so be in a position to strike back hard. So Hitler can choose between crushing the Greeks, and halting there and undertaking some general movement against them if he does the first, it will be a tragic episode, but it will not affect Britain's power. If he envisions the second, he must reckon with two great obstacles.

The first is the Axis lack of sea power. Germany cannot leap a Mediterranean held by Britain. The second is the distance of any fighting front in Turkey or beyond from the Nazi' home bases. And between lies a territory extremely poor in transportation facilities. All German victories so far have been organized around the great German network of roads and railways. Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, or Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Greece offer only meager and primitive systems.

Probably Hitler has already assembled means sufficient to crush Greece. It is altogether improbable that he could have stored up in Rumania and Bulgaria enough supplies for an offensive carrying beyond the Balkans.

Is he likely to spend precious resources in a thrust where a terribly weak line lies between Germany and its fighting forces? he chances are against it. For even if his thrust succeeded Britain would still stand. It may be that the Nazis are trying to bolt the back door and secure the Balkan region before England is attacked. It may be they are making preparations for developments which they foresee as coinciding with or following an attack on Britain. But, in any event, such a decision in the west does not lie for Germany, the one decisive—From Baltimore Sun

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

From 3,000 to 4,000 hostesses, recruited from the 180,000 government employees.

Dancing in the streets every nice night all summer long in the big square between two Agriculture Department buildings.

A show in the Labor Department auditorium every Sunday.

A show in the Interior Department auditorium every Saturday.

A radio broadcast, quiz program, from the Labor Department auditorium, with prizes for the clerkiest and government gals who do the best, on Wednesday.

Amateur night, a la Major Bowes, in the Commerce Department every Thursday.

Dances at the Government Printing Office and Bureau of Engraving every Friday and Saturday.

This is what Washington, D. C., is planning for the entertainment and amusement of the 120,000 soldiers who are to be quartered in the four big army camps now being erected within a few miles of the nation's capital.

What are we getting ready for national defense or a national carnival? —From Roanoke Times.

Defeat for Lease-Lend Bill or a long delay in passing it, might mean a crushing of British hopes.

General DeGaulle not to recognize Jap demands on Indo-China.

Hitler says will loose new fleet of submarines against British shipping.

### LIQUOR CONSUMPTION DOWN

The number of gallons bought by Virginians from State ABC stores during the first six months of the current fiscal year, July 1 to December 31, declined 10.30 per cent, according to figures released by the State ABC Board. Consumption declined from 1,702,602 gallons to 1,527,165 for the latter period as contrasted with a year ago. At the same time, increased taxes meant hat citizens spent $996,709.96 more for the smaller quantity, an increase in dollar totals of 9.95 per cent.

The ABC Board has recently been holding a series of regional meetings to discuss proper law enforcement with licensees and officials, in the light of new concentrations of population that have occurred as a result of the defense program.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Appomattox is a growing town.

### Whisky Blamed for Disease

Mental disease among drinkers can be caused by whisky alone, or in combination with beer, according to Dr. Frank M. Tallman, chief of the New York State Mental Hygiene department.

Alcoholism causes mental disease after an average period of 22 years in men and 14.1 years in women, his report shows. The report discloses that the average age on admission to state mental hospitals range in the middle 60s for men and in the low 60s for women.

"The fact that alcoholic mental disease occurs at the most productive period of life adds greatly to its economic and social significance," he said.

### Curtocast Needle

Curtocast Needle is one of the scenic features of the Black canyon or Grand Gorge of the Gunnison river in southwestern Colorado. It is a massive pinnacle of highly colored rock, hundreds of feet in height, and tapering at the top to a somewhat pointed spire.

### Reveal Several Causes Of High Blood Pressure

There are various causes of high blood pressure, say doctors. Some cases are due chiefly to fat or overweight. Others are traceable to hardening of the arteries, and in others it is due solely to nervousness. In fact, nervousness can add 20 to 50 points to any blood pressure if the patient gets sufficiently worried. As a rule, when a patient gets his blood pressure taken for the first time, the novelty of the act excites him and may add from 10 to 20 points to the reading. The doctor usually takes this fact into consideration, and doesn't use that first reading as the real blood pressure of the patient.

There also are various types of stuttering, and some people develop a social complex which fastens upon the blood vessels. These are surrounded by small, circular muscle fibers. Under excitement, these fibers contract, reducing the diameter of the vessels. As a result, the heart must raise the blood pressure in order to force the same volume of blood through these reduced vessels. This is the situation confronting those whose high blood pressure is on a nervous basis.

The cure of an emotional complex consists first of realizing that many other prominent persons are in the same boat. That immediately gives some comfort. Next, socialist yourself and face the fearful object often enough to grow hardened to its emotional influence.

# Yesterdayears

### ONE YEAR AGO

**Items From Times-Virginian Files**

Chest clinic held here, with 140 persons examined.

Six Negroes killed when train hits car at Pamplin crossing.

Charles Cowley named to vacancy on town council of Appomattox.

Exhibit of WPA work is planned in Appomattox.

Woodrow Williams, of Pamplin, leaves for spring baseball training season in Florida.

Misses Jessie Fitzgerald and Lillian Davidson in New York attending convention of beauty operators.

Local Garden Club lays plans for observation of a Clean-Up week in Appomattox.

### TWO YEARS AGO

Program for 30 additional miles of REA lines in Appomattox county being pushed.

John R. Hutcheson, of Blackburg, speaks at March meeting of Raritan club.

Schedule announced for Appomattox high school baseball team, as coach C. A. Hill leads boys in practice sessions.

# Chap Events

Chap, March 3.- Rev. C. A. Collins preached a splendid sermon at Central church Sunday morning.

Dinner guests of Mrs. S. B. Fore Sunday were: Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Collins, Dean Pugh and daughter, Audrey and Merna Boaze.

Rev. Collins and Dean Pugh called in the home of W. H. Ferguson on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ferguson is some better after having a bad spell of neuritis. I hope to see her last week were Mrs. John Love, Dorothy Love, Mrs. S. B. Fore and Mrs. W. M. Mann, and Mrs. Eugene Wood.

Mrs. Troy Whittly, of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mell Jones.

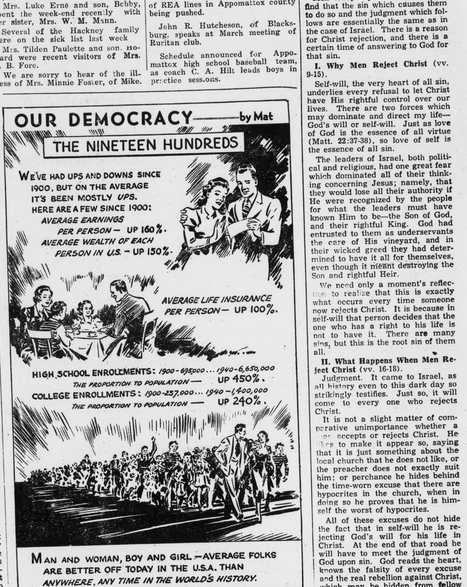
Mrs. Annie Powell visited her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Tester Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Luke Ezne and son, Bobby, spent the week-end recently with her sister, Mrs. W. M. Mann.

Several of the Hackney family were on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Tilden Paulette and son, Howard were recent visitors of Mrs. S. B. Fore.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Minnie Foster, of Mike.



### IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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## Lesson for March 9

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### CHRIST REJECTED

LESSON TEXT—Luke 20:9-20.
GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.—Matthew 5:11.

Rejection of Christ by Israel as a nation is pictured in our lesson. We know how the judgment of God has come upon that nation because of its failure to receive Him and believe on Him. God had to take the vineyard from them and give it to others (v. 16).

The world today reject Christ, and we find that the sin which causes them to do so and the judgment which follows are essentially the same as in the case of Israel. There is a reason for their rejection, and there is a certain time of answering to God for that sin.

**I. Why Men Reject Christ** (vv. 9-15).

Self-will, the very heart of all sin, underlies every refusal to let Christ have His rightful control over our lives. There are two forces which may dominate and direct my life—God's will or self-will. If a person love of God is the essence of all virtue (Matt. 22:37-38), so love of self is the essence of all sin.

The leaders of Israel, both political and religious, had one great fear which dominated all of their thinking concerning Jesus; namely, that they would lose all their authority if He were recognized by the people for what the leaders must have known Him to be—the Son of God, and their rightful King. God had entrusted to them as underservants the care of His vineyard, and in their wicked greed they had determined to have it all for themselves, even though it meant destroying the Son and rightful Heir.

We need only a moment's reflection to realize that this is exactly what occurs every time someone now rejects Christ. It is because in self-will that person decides that the one who has a right to his life is not to have it. There are many sins, but this is the root sin of them all.

**II. What Happens When Men Reject Christ** (vv. 16-19).

Judgment. It came to Israel, as all history even to this dark day so strikingly testifies, given in the home of Mrs. W. E. Hancock. Later a theatre party was given by Mrs. J. C. Caldwell.

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**'Alcohol in, Driver Out'**

"There can be no halfway measures in handling the drinking driver situation. Government either has to keep alcohol out of the man or keep the man out of the automobile."

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, president, gave this advice in connection with the sixty-sixth annual convention of the National WCTU session in Chicago.

Mrs. Smith said the liquor traffic and "governments which permit narcotic poison to be sold without effective restrictions" were responsible for more than 4,700 traffic deaths "due to drinking" expected during the last six months of last year.

She quoted National Safety council estimates of 18,900 traffic fatalities in the last six months of 1939, and a previous council statement that "the grand total of fatal accidents involving drinking drivers or pedestrians should be in the neighborhood of 25 per cent."

**College Hard for Playboys**

Workaday John has replaced Snowdon Jones in the American collegiate scene, Dr. George A. Works, dean of students at the University of Chicago, claims. American colleges, he said, are becoming tougher on the playboys who use collegiate life as a backdrop for social rounds. "Colleges more and more object to being the dumping ground for aimless youths whose parents don't know what else to do with them," Dr. Works said. "With money to spend and keen for a social life, but with no objective either to learn or to work. The mortality rate among them is heavy—that is, they do not go on to graduation in as great a percentage as the workers. And that is a definite handicap to the institution."

**'Seeing Eye' Cat**

George H. Spicer of Hollywood owns a "seeing eye" cat, reveals the American magazine. It is a Persian named Sammy. The cat acts as a guide for his master's blind pekingese dog.

**Valuable Minerals**

A prosaic future may be in store for the shores of Florida. The bathing beauties may give way to the chemical processing plants. The glistening sands may be broken to tiny pieces and washed on to sea and all for a few minerals. Prof. W. B. Phelps is the man to blame for the possible change in the state of things. For more than a year he has been studying the sands of the Sunshine state, and has discovered that they contain appreciable quantities of four valuable minerals—zircon, ilmenite, rutile and monazite—all rare and all useful in our present-day industries.

Dike wins Southern Conference basketball tournament.

Rumor Goering in ill-favor with Hitler.

Stores now showing spring stocks of merchandise.

**Wake Lazy Insides All-Vegetable Way**

Thousands turn to this way to get relief when they're lazy intestinally and it has them headachy, bilious, irritable, listless! A quarter to a half-teaspoonful of spicy, aromatic, *all-vegetable* BLACK-DRAUGHT on your tongue tonight, a drink of water, and there you are! Thus, it usually allows time for a night's rest; acts gently, thoroughly next morning, so relieving constipation's headaches, billiousness, bad breath.

BLACK-DRAUGHT'S main ingredient is an "intestinal tonic-laxative," which helps impart tone to lazy bowel muscles. The millions of packages used prove its merit. Economical: too: 25 to 40 doses. 25c.




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Come in to see me
MRS. L. H. OULD, prop.



# Appomattox Personals & Socials

R. F. Ramsey and Raymond Jamerson will spend Friday in Richmond.

C. Kendall Hunter is spending today in Roanoke.

There will be a joint patriotic program meeting of the Lions Club and the American Legion at 6:30 next Thursday.

The board of supervisors meets next Tuesday.

J. C. Caldwell was in Richmond last Friday.

The high school baseball team is holding practice sessions each afternoon.

Garden Club is sponsoring a supper Friday evening at the school cafeteria.

Miss Catherine McElroy, of Salem was a guest of Mrs. W. M. Abbitt for the week-end.

Charles Crawley, of Atlanta, will spend this week-end here. Mrs. Crawley and son will accompany him to Atlanta, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynch have rented the residence formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawley and will move soon. Mr. Lynch is recovering nicely from a recent operation.

We are glad to report that F. A. O'Brien is out again after an attack of flu.

W. T. Steele, of Richmond, was in Appomattox last week.

The Town Council met Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt, of Raleigh were here last week- end. Mr. Hunt went to report that their infant son died Tuesday night in a Lynchburg hospital. Mrs. Hunt is the former Miss Virginia Reynolds, of Appomattox.

Miss Dorothy Sears, of South Boston, Miss Pat Sears and Captain E. A. Powers, of Richmond, spent week-end in the home of Mrs. J. E. Sears.

John Oxford, formerly of Appomattox, has received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

Capt. R. W. Phillips, formerly commanding officer of the Appomattox CCC camp, has been promoted to the rank of Major.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sadowski, of Baltimore, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Iverson Smith.

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# Busy Port Run By Coast Guard

### New York Harbor Operated Under Wartime Rule 'Just Be Ready.'

NEW YORK. — Father Knickerbocker's harbor, the world's largest and busiest port, is being operated by the coast guard under wartime rules and regulations—"just to be ready."

Given control of all shipping under a presidential proclamation last June, the coast guard has worked night and day to gear its machinery to an emergency tempo.

In charge of this machine are Capt. Ralph W. Dempsoll, commander of the New York coast guard district, and his aid, Commander John S. Baylis, both veterans of the World war. As "captain of the port," Dempswolf is in complete charge of all shipping here.

One of the first steps taken under the emergency setup was to establish a training school at Ellis island and call for 500 recruits—men who will study the loading of munitions, anchorage problems, espionage and sabotage. More than 300 are already at work.

**24-Hour Watch.**

Here are some of the things the coast guard is doing outside of its normal routine:

Armed coast guard vessels keep a 24-hour watch at the harbor's three entrances—the Narrows, Throggs Neck and Perth Amboy—and carefully examine each ship as it enters and leaves port.

Belligerent vessels, phantom-like in their coats of camouflage, gray or blue, are forced to fly secret code flags of identification before the patrol allows them to clear.

Anti-espionage squads work quietly and constantly along the teeming waterfront. In this task coast guardsmen are joined by FBI agents, army and navy intelligence officer.

Coast guardsmen superintend the loading of all munitions—at Bayonne, N. J., Terminal and Gravesend bay, where ships are loaded at the harbor from barges. More than 1,100 longshoremen have been required to get coast guard certificates to handle explosives.

All ships loaded with munitions are escorted by patrol vessels through the harbor. Eighteen vessels and several planes patrol the harbor's 770 miles of docks each day, watching for fires, oil pollutions, ice and checking the movements of each ship.

**Make Daily Report.**

A report on the position of every ship in the harbor—there are more than 300 some days—is sent to Washington each day.

The coast guard also does these jobs:

Patrols La Guardia airport.

Operates neutrality, weather and ice patrols in the Atlantic.

Answers SOS calls.

Investigates each fire, grounding and collision.

Belligerent vessels are given special treatment. Men at the narrows, their radios are sealed until they leave port. Their armaments are inspected and photographed.

If a ship is judged to be carrying offensive gum, the navy takes charge and sets a time limit for her to stay in the harbor.

The office of Baylis and Stanley, his assistant, is forever busy. Telephones and radios pour in messages, cutter captains report for orders, and civilians seek permits with requests of every description, some of which seem strange even to the officers.

For example, Stanley recently was asked for permission to land 110 tons of Chinese firecrackers.

### Woman Collects Human Skulls as Queer Hobby

CHILLICOTHE, OHIO.—Geraldine Lesco collects skulls for a hobby.

"Some people save coins, stamps, paper match covers and the like—but I have skulls," she said. "I don't think there's anything unusual or ghastly in the hobby."

The collection began when Harry Poe, walking along the Sciota river, found a skull on a gravel bank. He gave it to police.

Miss Lesco, who is an assistant to a doctor, asked for it.

Then Sheriff Joseph Vincent presented her with a skull found by two fishermen on a river gravel bar near a sand and gravel plant. As other skulls were found from time to time, they were given to the young woman.

"City police, the sheriff's department and the coroner have promised to help build my collection by turning over any loose skulls which come into their possession," Miss Lesco said.

### Sand Panned on Beach For Long-Lost Coins

HAMPTON BEACH, N. H.—Sitting sands for money is proving profitable at Hampton Beach this year.

Unusually high and strong tides have stirred up sands that have been undisturbed for years—resulting in numerous "coin panning" expeditions. Some persons have found as much as $15 in dimes, quarters and half-dollars in two days.

A few of the coins found bore the dates of 1900, 1901 and 1935.

# Spout Spring

Spout Spring, March 5.- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howerton, of Roanoke, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Erma Dickerson, of Crewe, spent the past week-end here with her parents.

Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Gilliam were the dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones Sunday.

The Womans Division of Christian Service of Salem church met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs Alfred Bryant are the proud parents of a baby boy, born March 2.

Miss Vernelle Almond, who has been sick, is improving.

Miss Louise Crist, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Misses Virginia and Margaret Almond last week.

Miss Evelyn Dickerson, of Altavista spent the week-end at her home here.

Miss Mae Webb, who has been visiting in Williamsburg, has returned home.

Miss Hazel Moon, who has been sick, is better.

James Hancock, of the United States Army, visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Hancock, recently.

Swink Webb, of Newport News, spent the week-end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs O J Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Babcock, and son, of Lynchburg, visited relatives here Sunday.

Appomattox needs boosters.

Alfonso dies after series of heart attacks.

Appomattox high school baseball team began practice Monday.

# Hixburg News

Hixburg, Feb. 28.- The Sunbeam meeting was held Sunday morning in the home of the leader.

Miss Gertrude Sears, of Madison College, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. H. M Marshall, Morton, Jr., and Mrs. J. T. Hix were business visitors in Lynchburg Tuesday.

Charles Perkinson, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. H. C. Wheeler. They went to Appomattox Saturday.

Misses Lavalette Sears, and Barbara Hix spent Wednesday night with Miss Kitty Carson. Miss Carson is spending this week in Lynchburg with her sister, Mrs. Nelson Hix.

Some patrons and a number of children, who took part on the program, attended the P. T. A. meeting Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hix called in the home of S. C. Drinkard on Sunday.

L. S. Gilliam, of Statesville, N. C., and H. E. Gilliam, of Lynchburg, visited their sisters here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Covington visited her parents at Hollywood on Saturday night.

Mrs. Pearl Marshall is a patient at Memorial hospital, Lynchburg, where she is receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall called on Miss Mag Hix and Mrs. J. T Hix Sunday afternoon.

J. W. Coleman and Donald Webb are spending a few days with relatives at Oak Hill, W. Va.

R. D. Sears, of Goodland spent at night at his old home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Glenn, of Roanoke, spent the week-end with Mrs. Mollie Glenn.

J. J. Sears, of Petersburg, was home for the week-end.

Visitors Sunday in the home of Mrs. H. C. Wheeler were Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Glenn, of Roanoke.

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